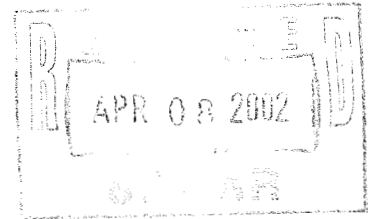


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Region 8
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RE: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Long:

Per my letter of March 20, 2002, Great River Energy (GRE) requested certain information pertaining to the draft report entitled "Dispersion Modeling Analysis of PSD Class I Increment Consumption in North Dakota and Eastern Montana," ("modeling analysis") prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, (hereinafter "EPA"), and dated January 2002. GRE has received some, but not all, of the requested information. At the time of the request, GRE also requested information of the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) relating to modeling studies they had performed that were referenced in the EPA's modeling analysis. The NDDH has deferred our request to the EPA.

The NDDH has scheduled a public hearing to obtain information in order to make a determination of the adequacy of the North Dakota State Implementation Plan to prevent significant deterioration. In order to appropriately comment on the draft reports and to prepare for the public hearing, this letter hereby requests all information in the possession, custody, or control of EPA that in any way relates to the assessment of baseline concentrations or increment consumption from facilities located in the state of North Dakota. This request includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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- 1) Any and all performance results for CALPUFF applied in "IWAQM default" mode.
- 2) Any and all performance validation studies conducted by EPA or NDDH.
- 3) Copy of the NDDH report "CALPUFF Class I Area Analysis for Milton R. Young Generating Station, North Dakota Department of Health," dated May 24, 1999.
- 4) Copy of the NDDH draft report "Evaluation of CALPUFF Model Performance Using Year 2000 Data," dated November 2001.

In the interest of supplying our comments to the EPA on its modeling analysis by the May 15 deadline, and to fully prepare for the NDDH public hearing scheduled to begin May 6, **GRE is asking that this request be expedited.**

I agree to pay reasonable copying costs for the documents. Please let me know in advance if copying costs will exceed \$100.00, and provide an estimate of the total copying costs. Should you have any questions, please call me immediately (763-241-2449).

Sincerely,

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